

Message

From: Watkins, Tim [Watkins.Tim@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/21/2020 5:23:09 PM
To: Strynar, Mark [Strynar.Mark@epa.gov]
CC: Medina-Vera, Myriam [Medina-Vera.Myriam@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Evidence of HFPO-TA in NC water sample

Thanks Mark.

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From: Strynar, Mark <Strynar.Mark@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov>
Cc: Medina-Vera, Myriam <Medina-Vera.Myriam@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Evidence of HFPO-TA in NC water sample

Sure thing Tim. [REDACTED] Here is the email I got.

Mark

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Hi Mark,

Ex. 7(A)

Best,

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From: Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Strynar, Mark <Strynar.Mark@epa.gov>
Cc: Medina-Vera, Myriam <Medina-Vera.Myriam@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Evidence of HFPO-TA in NC water sample

Hi Mark – trying to move this forward within EPA. Can you tell me [REDACTED] who reached out to you? Just in case I am asked.

Thanks.

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From: Strynar, Mark <Strynar.Mark@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov>
Cc: Medina-Vera, Myriam <Medina-Vera.Myriam@epa.gov>; Oshima, Kevin <Oshima.Kevin@epa.gov>; Gillespie, Andrew <Gillespie.Andrew@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Evidence of HFPO-TA in NC water sample

Tim,

This looks good to me. The highlighted section I think captures the essence of what occurred. I seem to recall someone telling me about a recent meeting between R4, OECA and NCDEQ which likely spurred these

[REDACTED]

Mark

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From: Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov>

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To: Strynar, Mark <Strynar.Mark@epa.gov>

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Mark et al – I raised this issue on the ORD EC call yesterday and, as expected, received feedback that we need to coordinate with Program and Regional Offices. As I thought about how to approach this, I thought it would make sense to use the approach we have used for other data reports. So, I drafted the internal email below that would be sent to OECA and Region 4 (and maybe OW) which would also include a short report (attached). I developed the email and the attached report from the revised document that Mark provided. Also, please note the highlighted text below – is this accurate or would it be more accurate to say that Mark was in a conversation with NCDEQ in which he mentioned the findings from the OECA inquiry. Let me know your thoughts. Thanks.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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"Protecting human health and the environment by delivering innovative measurement and modeling solutions to EPA and our partners."

From: Strynar, Mark <Strynar.Mark@epa.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:11 PM

To: Gillespie, Andrew <Gillespie.Andrew@epa.gov>; Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov>

Cc: Medina-Vera, Myriam <Medina-Vera.Myriam@epa.gov>; Oshima, Kevin <Oshima.Kevin@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Evidence of HFPO-TA in NC water sample

All,

I edited the letter after addressing Andy's comments. The comments will say from James McCord as the computer I am working on at home has Word logged on in his name as we are sharing it (Orbitrap processing PC).

Thanks,
Mark

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Cc: Medina-Vera, Myriam <Medina-Vera.Myriam@epa.gov>; Oshima, Kevin <Oshima.Kevin@epa.gov>
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Thanks Mark, here are a few comments for consideration if this gets turned into a communication to the region.

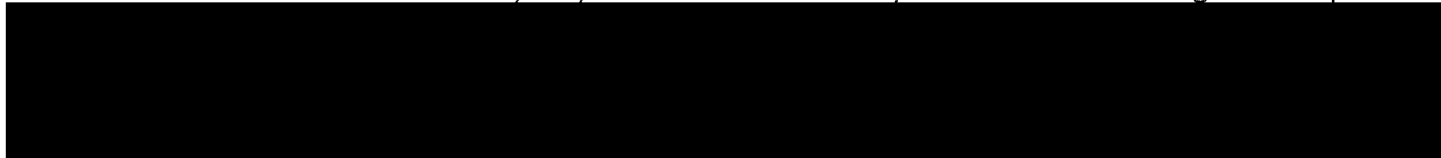
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From: Strynar, Mark <Strynar.Mark@epa.gov>
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To: Watkins, Tim <Watkins.Tim@epa.gov>
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Subject: Evidence of HFPO-TA in NC water sample

Tim,

I drafted a letter assuming it would come from you and put together some slides for what we discussed about the HFPO-TA in water samples collected at or near the Chemours facility in the past. I included some pertinent points and some of the data in this draft letter. I am not sure if all this will need to be included or not. I took one more hard look at the data this morning and I am very confident in the presence of the HFPO-TA in at least the Chemours outfall 001, 002, the "old waste tributary" and select monitoring well samples



Find attached a draft letter and a Powerpoint slide deck of what evidence I have to support this finding. It is likely I may need to give some followup information if needed with more details. I am glad to do so if needed. Let me know if you need anything more.

Thanks,
Mark

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